

Book Study #10 ROMANS

Rom. 6:15-23 Slaves to Righteousness

Before We Begin...

15What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. 18You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. 19I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. 20When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in (or through) Christ Jesus our Lord.



1. If you could have “any” job...what would it be? Different or the same as your present/life’s work?

Exploration... Discovery... Revelation...

2. What question is Paul answering in this passage? (v. 15; see 6:14)



3. In this passage, Paul contrasts the former condition of his readers with their present condition. In the space below, list these contrasts (include verse references):

before salvation	after salvation

4. In your own words, summarize the argument Paul uses to answer the question in verse 1.

5. What two kinds of slavery does Paul describe? (note the various terms he uses for each kind)

What freedom do these two kinds of slavery offer?

What is the result of each kind of slavery?

6. In what sense is our slavery a matter of choice? Explain.

7. What does it mean when Paul calls death the “wages” of sin? (v.23)

8. The master/slave relationships is used several times in the New Testament to describe the relationship between God and His people. Review the references listed below and note what they can tell us about the Christian life.

<p>Luke 12:35-40</p> <p>Luke 17:7-10 (see also 1 Corinthians 9:16-17)</p> <p>John 15:18-20</p> <p>Ephesians 6:5-6</p>	<p>.....</p>	<p>Luke 16:13</p> <p>Luke 19:11-26</p> <p>Romans 14:1-4</p>
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 **As we end this part of the Journey...**

What examples can you think of in which exercising the “freedom” to sin actually results in slavery? Or when “slavery” to Christ actually results in freedom?